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Faulty VVWW valve floods hotel

Water gushes into basement of hotel in Yadavagiri; heavy damage to furniture and rooms

Will Vani Vilas Water Works PAY COMPENSATION?

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&KS)- The staff of Hotel Komfort Suites on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri woke up to flooded premises after water from the Ground-Level Reservoir at the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), located behind the hotel, overflowed and inundated the property in the early hours of today.

Water entered the hotel's basement, reception area, corridors and rooms, besides damaging the compound wall and furniture worth several lakhs of rupees. It is learnt that a delay of about 30 minutes in closing the valve resulted in water gushing into the hotel like a small stream, causing extensive damage. As VVWW staff failed to arrive in time to close the valve, hotel staff shut it themselves to prevent further damage.

(See FAULTY VALVE on page 7)

Mysuru has a... *Ganja* problem!

Alarmed by ganja sale network, High Court Justice Nagaprasanna warns against quick Lok Adalat settlement in narcotics cases

Justice Nagaprasanna

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- The Karnataka High Court has expressed surprise regarding the spread of ganja (cannabis) sales in Mysuru. Hearing a writ petition filed by Mysuru resident Sameer Khan alias Dadu (51), who is currently in judicial custody in connection with a ganja case, Justice M. Nagaprasanna, heading the Single-Judge Bench, raised concern about whether even ganja-related cases are being settled in Lok Adalats.

Advocate R.K. Mahadev, appearing for the petitioner, argued that his client was arrested near the BEO Office in Mysuru on charges of selling ganja, with 53 grams of ganja seized. He pointed out that although the charges filed against the petitioner are bailable, the Trial Court rejected bail. Hence, he requested bail from the High Court.

(See GANJA on page 6)

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Mysuru, Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Free HPV vaccination for girl students

Mysuru, Feb. 3- Ideal Jawa Rotary School, in association with Rotary Panchasheel, Rotary Mysore and KVC Hospital, conducted a free HPV vaccination drive for girl students aged 9 to 14 years at its campus recently.

The initiative was organised with the objective of promoting preventive healthcare and safeguarding the well-being of adolescent girls.

Medical professionals from KVC Hospital administered the vaccines in a safe, well-organised and hygienic environment, ensuring comfort and care for all students. The collaborative effort by Rotary Panchasheel, Rotary Mysore and Ideal Jawa Rotary School reflects their continued commitment to community health and social responsibility.

The event was attended by Ideal Jawa Rotary School Chairman Chetan Vishwanth, Rotary Mysore President D. Ravi Shankar, Rotary Mysore Members Venkatesh and Sameer, Rotary Panchasheel Member Harsha, KVC Hospital MD Dr. Nandish Kumar among others.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ONE MAN WITH COURAGE MAKES A MAJORITY, SAYS D.K. SHIVAKUMAR: ***Apparently sending a message of optimism, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is eyeing the Chief Ministerial post, on Monday made a loaded statement on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, saying*** *"Politics is the art of the possible and I believe that one man with courage makes a majority."*

The remark came in response to comments by Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok that his camp was confused over not having enough number of MLAs on his side, as "the team of 56 Congress MLAs" which he thought was on his side was hobnobbing with the camp of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

In response, Shivakumar said, *"Political decisions are not made on the basis of numbers. In both our parties, we have seen that the decisions are made by the party... and not the (arithmetical) strength of MLAs. We have seen how Chief Ministers and even Cabinets were changed in your party (BJP)."*

Referring to the adage *"Politics is the art of the possible,"* ***he said,*** *"1 believe one man with courage makes a majority. With conviction and determination, one can have 140 MLAs and even more. Let's see what happens in 2028 (Assembly polls)."*

The issue came up when Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, during his reply to the debate on motion of thanks to the Governor's address, told the Deputy Chief Minister that the BJP was accusing them of harbouring enmity. *"They say that you are milk* ***(haalu)*** *and I am sugar, but there is* ***haalaahala*** *(poison that emerged during the mythological churning of ocean) between us."* ***Responding to this, Shivakumar only said,*** *"Time will answer everything."*

Taking a cue from this, Ashok speculated that the Deputy Chief Minister was now confused over getting enough number of MLAs to support him... Shivakumar responded with, *"All 139 MLAs, including Mr. Siddaramaiah, are my strength. Mr. Siddaramaiah is with me 100%. Let there be no doubt about it. We are working together and we will continue to do so in the future. I have stood by him in his tough times and will continue to do so. He will stand by me during my tough times. Let there be no doubt in this regard." — In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man balances ladder on his chin!

Boise (Idaho): Serial Guinness World Record-breaker David Rush balanced a ladder on his chin for 19 minutes and 11 seconds to recapture one of his earliest titles.

Rush initially set the record for the longest duration balancing a ladder on the chin in 2016, with a time of 5 minutes and 31 seconds. He broke the record again in 2018 with a time of 11 minutes, but the title was later taken away with a time of nearly 18 minutes.

Rush has now retaken the record with a time of 18 minutes and 11 seconds.

He said the record is one of the most painful to train for and attempt.

Scientists recover oldest wooden tools

New York: Two artifacts found at a lake shore in Greece are the oldest wooden tools to be uncovered so far and date back 430,000 years.

One is a spindly stick about 2 1/2 ft. (80 centimetres) long that could have been used for digging in the mud. The other is a smaller, hand-held chunk of willow or poplar wood that may have been used to shape stone tools, according to research published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Scientists think ancient humans wielded tools made from stone, bone and wood. But it's particularly difficult to find evidence of wooden tools today because wood rots quickly. Such tools are only preserved in specific environments like in ice, caves or underwater.

The newest tools, found in Greece's Megalopolis basin, were possibly buried quickly by sediment and preserved by a wet environment over time.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Persistent acidity, bloating, or abdominal discomfort beyond two weeks needs medical evaluation.

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A.K. - Senior Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Live Phone-in Programme on Aadhaar Updates

Col. Krishna Prasad

Mysuru, Feb. 3- JSS Radio 91.2 FM, the Community Radio Station of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, located on Ooty Road, Mysuru, is organising a live phone-in programme on Aadhaar Updates.

The programme will be held tomorrow (Feb. 4) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (retd.), Centre Manager, Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK), Mysuru, will participate as the resource person.

Public can call and interact directly with the Centre Manager to seek clarifications or share suggestions regarding Aadhaar updates, corrections, change of address and other issues related to Aadhaar.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Signals installed, motorists still suffer

Sir,

About two months back, Mysuru City Police (Traffic & Signal Section) installed the long-awaited traffic signal lights at the busy Gokulam Road-Hunsur Road junction.

However, it is unfortunate that these traffic signals are yet to be commissioned. As a result, motorists are left to fend for themselves at this crucial junction, guided only by the continuous blinking of the newly installed traffic signal lights, which serves no practical purpose.

It is difficult to comprehend what is holding back the concerned department from commissioning the already installed traffic signals and thereby alleviating the severe inconvenience and chaos faced by the motorists daily at this junction.

An early intervention by the authorities in commissioning this traffic signals will go a long way in ensuring smoother traffic flow and improved road safety at this busy and chaotic intersection.

Timely action now will truly serve the purpose for which these signals are installed.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
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Timely treatment key to make India leprosy-free: Mysuru DC

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (MK&BS)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has given a call to those having symptoms of leprosy to avail treatment on time, to achieve the target of building a Leprosy-Free India.

He was speaking after releasing the posters of Leprosy Awareness Campaign at Zilla Panchayat Hall in city recently.

Reddy said, leprosy is one among the epidemics and is a communicable disease that infects person to person, who come in contact with leprosy patients, when they either cough or sneeze. However, it is totally curable and the timely treatment holds the key for early cure.

Stressing on creating awareness among people about leprosy, he recalled the words of Mahatma Gandhi and said, the dream of building Leprosy-Free India is possible when everyone joins hands in this regard and eradicate the malaise and discrimination attached to leprosy.

DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy instructed ASHA workers and health workers to go door-to-door at all the villages and create awareness about leprosy. In case of any suspected cases, they should be referred for treatment, he advised.

District Leprosy Eradication Officer Dr. B. Brinda explained about leprosy, its symptoms and causes. Free treatment is provided at all Government Hospitals. Any negligence may lead to physical deformities and hence one should be equally cautious.

RCHO Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Assistant Statistical Officer Anil Christy, Physiotherapist Dr. R.T. Shruti, Epidemiologist Dr. Kavita, Programme Manager T. Pooja, Health Inspector G.S. Sumanth and Paramedical Volunteer J. Mahesh Kumar were present.

Disruption in power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 3- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Ayarahalli Power Distribution Sub-Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Feb. 4) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Ayarahalli Power Distribution Sub-Centre: Devalapura, Keeralu, Chikkegowdanahundi, Janthagalli, Sajjehundi, Marigowdanahundi, T.M. Hundi, Rayanahundi, Someshwarapura, Ayarahalli, Kumbarahalli, Kumbrahalli Mutt, Basahalli Hundi, Hadajana, Marashettihalli, Prashanth Chaya Layout, Sreesha Hill View Layout, Mallaranahundi, Hadinaru and surrounding areas.

Varakodu Power Distribution Sub-Centre: Pillahalli, Dandikere, Mosambayyanahalli, Varuna Layout, Varakodu Gate, Varakodu Paper Factory, Varakodu, Hosakote, Morarji Desai School and surrounding areas.

As CESC has taken up replacing electric poles works near Manipal Hospital coming under **Columbia Asia Power Distribution Centre** (SS Nagar Feeder), there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

KR Mill Colony, Siddalingapura, Naganahalli, Lakshmipuram, Kalasthawadi and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

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Swachh Marathon on Feb. 8: MCC Commr. releases posters

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, accompanied by other MCC officials and representatives of partner organisations, releasing the posters of the Feb. 8 'Swachh Marathon' at the MCC main office yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb. 3- In an effort to create awareness on maintaining cleanliness and keeping the city trash-free, the Mysore City Corporation (MCC) has organised 'Swachh Marathon' in city on Feb. 8, as part of Swachh Survekshan 2025-26.

The Marathon, organised with the support of several partner organisations, will be held under 3-km, 5-km and 10-km categories and will be flagged off from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 6 am.

The initiative aims to spread awareness about Swachh Survekshan, promote segregation of waste at source and encourage responsible waste disposal practises. Another objective of the event is to motivate citizens to actively participate in Swachh Survekshan by providing feedback, besides supporting cleanliness-related events, drives and campaigns. The winners of the event will receive prizes.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, accompanied by other officials, released the posters of the Marathon at the MCC main office yesterday.

Routes

For the 3-km Marathon, the participants will run through K.R. Circle, MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, Basaveshwara Circle, Hardinge Circle, Dodda Gadiyara and Gandhi Square, finishing at Town Hall.

For 5-km, participants will run through Dodda Gadiyara, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road (100 ft. Road), Basaveshwara Circle and Hardinge Circle, before concluding at Town Hall.

Runners in 10-km Marathon will complete 2 laps of the 5-km heritage route, passing through the Town Hall area, while maintaining a controlled loop, according to the MCC authorities.

GSS Foundation Head D. Srihari, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Development) C.S. Manju, Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekar, Swachh Bharat Mission Nodal Officer K.S. Mrutyunjaya, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) S. Meenakshi, Environmental Engineer Sridevi and others were present during the poster release.

C&D Waste Disposal Plant to start soon

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (PM&DM)- Stating that the construction of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Wastes Disposal Plant near Sathagalli is in progress, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said that the Plant is expected to start functioning in the next 4-5 months.

He was responding to queries at the Media Interaction Programme organised as part of 'Swachh Survekshan 2025-26' at Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Hall in MCC premises yesterday.

Stating that measures have been taken for increasing the fleet of waste collection vehicles, Asif said that the Rayanakere and Vidyaranyapuram Waste Disposal Plants are handling 200 types of dry wastes, clearing tonnes of legacy waste every day.

"The MCC is buying Jetting, De-Jetting, Compactor and other waste handling and cleaning machines at a cost of Rs. 7.50 crore, for which the tender process is underway. Heaps of legacy waste that had collected in Vidyaranyapuram Solid Waste Treatment Plant have been cleared, which has resulted in availability of 7-8 acres of land," the MCC Commissioner noted.

World class road to be constructed

Briefing about the MCC's plans for construction of quality and long-lasting roads, Asif said that the MCC has identified Sir Mirza Ismail Road, New Kantharaj Urs Road and Chamaraja Double Road for the purpose.

Pointing out that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the three roads will be prepared, he said that ultimately, one of the roads will be selected for the project after thorough studies and deliberations. "This road will be a model for all other roads in the city. The road will have a wide footpath, a cycle path, installation of benches on the roadside for relaxation, a green canopy etc.," he pointed out.

Stinking garbage, an eyesore near Chamarajapuram Railway Station

Public fear health hazard due to dumping of medical and other wastes

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (VVH&KS)- Stinking garbage near Chamarajapuram Railway Station is causing a lot of problems, especially to train commuters, students of a nearby school, residents and the public, who are forced to cover their nostrils whenever they pass by this place.

Students and train commuters are the most affected and residents fear outbreak of epidemic due to the stench emanating from wet, dry and medical wastes which are lying since many days.

These wastes are dumped near the railway track. There is an English Medium School, Pailwan Basavaiah Circle, Chamarajapuram Railway Station and Manteswamy Temple nearby and hundreds of people and students move on the roads close to the garbage dump who are now forced to cover their noses. Also, the garbage heap is attracting disease carrying flies and it has also become a place for mosquitoes to breed which may result in outbreak of various diseases.

Apart from wastes such as plastics, papers, leftover food, old pillows, beds and mats, even medical wastes are being dumped at this spot. Stray cattle and dogs, in search of food may consume them and who is supposed to be held responsible if they die, residents question.

Public said that negligence by MCC and the Railway authorities may result in health hazards to the public and school going children. They have urged the authorities concerned and the elected representatives to get the stinking garbage cleared at the earliest, prevent further dumping and initiate legal action against those dumping medical wastes.

Dusty roads add to residents' woes

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BS)- Following the works on Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project, roads around the Outer Ring Road at Hinkal, Ashram Road connecting Vijayanagar F-Block and the surroundings in the city have turned dusty, severely inconveniencing the residents.

The roads are constantly being dug to lay the pipeline, but left uncovered properly, turning the stretch into an uneven surface, adding to the trouble of vehicle users and pedestrians alike.

The households are finding it difficult to park their vehicles with ease, owing to the lack of adequate space, with the labourers leaving the trenches open at times, without covering them back. To top it all, the plume of dust rises as and when the wind blows, followed by the regular movement of vehicles, forcing the residents to bear the menace.

It has been five to six months, since the roads are being dug for Hale Unduwadi Project, neither of the officials are bothered to restore the condition of the roads.

Moreover, the works related to the project are still being executed, ever since it was launched in the year 2021, testing the patience of road users.

Along with this, underground cable laying works are also on by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (CESC).

Apart from the households, young and old, even the school children are forced to bear the brunt, with several schools located in the vicinity. It has become a regular exercise to water the stretch of roads for some of the residents and the staff of schools, to avoid the dust from rising above. The locals have been blaming the apathy of officials, elected representatives and the authorities concerned, for the prolonging mess.

Footpath vendors evicted

Traffic Police clear footpaths near CSRTI staff quarters, Five-Light Circle on JLB Road-Manandavadi Road junction; barricades put up, along with tapes to restrain vendors

Mysuru, Feb.3 (BLU&BS)- The City Traffic Police have evicted footpath vendors and other roadside vendors, who had occupied the stretch of footpaths around Five Light Circle (M.N. Srinivas Circle) on JLB Road and Manandavadi Road in the city.

This move of the City Police has indeed brought a relief to hundreds of vehicle riders and pedestrians alike, who were meeting with minor accidents at times, due to the overcrowded stretch of road, especially in the evening hours, turning into a congested lane.

What began with a group of a few vegetable vendors selling their goods on push carts, who had encroached upon the footpaths around Five Light Circle, mostly in front of the staff quarters of Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSRTI), later expanded towards JLB Road and Manandavadi Road, severely inconveniencing the road users.

Over a period time, the vendors had allegedly turned audacious, restraining public access to the bus stop and the docking station of trin-trin bicycles. The bus bay had been turned into a stocking yard, explaining the blatant attitude of the vendors.

The nearby residents and office-goers were parking their vehicles on either side of the roads, affecting the smooth traffic flow at times.

Unheeding vendors near Crawford Hall

Ironically, the part of the road opposite Crawford Hall, the administrative office of University of Mysore, has turned into a make-shift fruit and vegetable stalls, but the authorities continue to remain blind eyed to the civic menace. If any concerned public question the illegality, the vendors abuse them, paying no heed to the trouble they are causing on the traffic front.

Recently, waking up to the alarming situation, the Traffic Police cleared the vegetable vendors and other footpath vendors. To restrain them from returning to the place, barricades along with tapes have been erected. Meanwhile, some of the push carts remain to be cleared from the place.

Azeez Sait Road gets new look with ornamental lamp posts

Mysuru, Feb.3 (MK&BS)- The Azeez Sait Road (Mahadevapura Main Road) at Narasimharaja (NR) Assembly Constituency in the city has now got a heritage touch. The ornamental lamp posts are being installed at the centre of the road median, giving a new heritage look to the 3.5-km-long busy stretch of road.

As the city is growing by leaps and bounds, witnessing the surge in traffic density, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken up the works on installing 105 electric poles at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore. While works are on to fix LED bulbs to the same, lamp posts have been put up from Nexus Mall junction to KSRTC bus depot at Sathagalli, realising the long-cherished dream of residents of that part of the city.

The electric poles are fabricated using iron and aluminium materials, at Indore in Madhya Pradesh. The poles assure 100-year durability, said A.E. Deepak, Executive Engineer (EE) of Electrical Section at MCC.

To facilitate the works, the previously installed poles were returned to the contractor. The works on fixing LED bulbs have been expedited and are expected to be completed in a few days, he added.

Meanwhile, the local residents have urged the authorities concerned to fix the LED bulbs that align with the heritage style poles. The bulbs seem to be of regular design that won't synchronise with the design of the poles.

Additionally, the footpaths have to be built on either side of the road, along with storm water drain and seating arrangements that will enhance the visual appeal of the road.

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Echo of NCB raids on Hebbal Drug Lab

Chemical units under lens; Police complete 80% checks

Lone homes in secluded areas, sick industries inspected

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BLU&BCT)- Following the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raids on a chemical factory in the Hebbal Industrial Area, which brought disrepute to Mysuru, all chemical and industrial production units are now under intense scrutiny, with the City Police having completed nearly 80 percent of their inspections.

After the Jan. 28 raid by Delhi-based NCB officials on the 'TukTuk Household Chemicals Production Solution Manufacturing Factory' in Hebbal, Mysuru police launched a city-wide inspection drive across industrial zones.

For the past six days, Police teams have been visiting every factory, collecting detailed information on owners, production materials, transportation and sales.

Chemical factories are being subjected to thorough checks, with sniffer dogs deployed at each location. Whenever raw materials suspected to be linked to narcotics are found, samples are collected and sent to laboratories for analysis.

Police personnel inspecting a chemical factory in city.

Secluded houses searched too

Industrial areas, including Hebbal, Metagalli, Hootagalli and Koorgalli, are under inspection. The drive also covers sick industries that have shut down operations.

In addition, the Police are monitoring suspicious lone houses on the outskirts after chemicals were recently seized from a three-storey house at Yandahalli. Thousands of such houses are now under surveillance, along with cargo vehicles moving through industrial belts.

Officials said that until now, the Police did not have consolidated data on industries or isolated houses. For the first time, detailed records are being compiled. The detection of a drug manufacturing unit worth Rs. 390 crore near the Outer Ring Road at Belavatta has prompted stricter preventive measures.

The Police noted that had such systematic inspections been carried out earlier, Hebbal would not have emerged as a hub for narcotics production. They stressed that proactive enforcement, rather than reacting after cases surface, is crucial to curbing criminal activity.

Investigation from all angles

"We are investigating the industrial unit where drugs were found from every possible angle. We are also checking whether more people are involved in the case. Effective operations are being carried out to ensure the drug network does not resurface. Searches are continuing across Mysuru city limits, covering all industries, including closed factories and lone houses," said DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj.

Raids by outside agencies flag growing drug network

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- Were North Indian drug syndicates using industrial sheds in Mysuru to manufacture synthetic drugs such as MDMA and mephedrone under the guise of cleaning product units?

While a raid in January 2026 was carried out by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and seized drugs worth Rs. 10 crore besides Rs 25.6 lakh in cash, a four-wheeler (SUV) and over 500 kgs of various chemicals, an earlier operation in July 2025 by the Maharashtra Police had busted an MDMA manufacturing unit at Unnathi Nagar in Belavatta, along the Outer Ring Road, leading to the seizure of mephedrone worth Rs. 390 crore.

Following the NCB operation in January, Mysuru District Police raided a rented house in Yandahalli, under the jurisdiction of the Mysuru South Police Station and seized raw materials suspected to be used in the manufacture of synthetic drugs.

These back-to-back incidents — both involving drug units in Mysuru being uncovered by agencies from outside the State — have raised serious questions about effectiveness of local law enforcement and regulatory monitoring.

Why are ganja cases so frequent in Mysuru?

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In response, Additional State Prosecutor B.N. Jagadish informed the Court that the same petitioner had already been convicted by the Trial Court in another case involving the sale of narcotic substances.

To this, Mahadev clarified that in that case, the petitioner had pleaded guilty and the matter was settled in the Lok Adalat.

Justice Nagaprasanna reacted sharply, questioning: "Are even ganja-related cases being settled in Lok Adalats? If so, what next? Will the MDMA cases also be disposed of through compromise in the Lok Adalats tomorrow? If offenders simply plead guilty, pay a minimal fine and agree to remain in jail, what is the fate of justice?" The judge expressed deep concern over such practices.

During the hearing, Justice Nagaprasanna curiously asked the petitioner's counsel why ganja cases seem to be more prevalent in Mysuru.

He warned that if the accused is caught again with even 3 grams of ganja, he would be sent straight to jail. Following this caution, the Court granted Sameer Khan conditional interim bail.

On Jan. 13, while conducting a special patrol, Mandi Mohalla Police arrested tea vendor Sameer Khan with ganja. He was found sitting near a petty tea stall beside the BEO Office compound near the Mysuru Central Jail quarters, and upon inspection, 53 grams of ganja were seized.

Arrest and interrogation

During interrogation, he admitted to having purchased the ganja for Rs. 1,000 from an unknown person in Udayagiri and was waiting for customers.

He was arrested and a case was registered under Section 20(b)(ii)(A) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS). Subsequently, the 3rd Additional Civil and JMFC Court in Mysuru remanded the accused to judicial custody.

The Mysuru City Police have been registering cases not only against ganja sellers but also against users, conducting frequent raids in suspicious areas. Meanwhile, after Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials raided a chemical factory in Hebbal Industrial Area, widespread searches have also been carried out in industrial zones.

Yet, ganja sellers in Mysuru continue their activities fearlessly and without restraint. The High Court's expression of concern over this situation is noteworthy.

Gujarat forensic team inspects Hebbal factory

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- A team of scientists from the National Forensic Science University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, visited the 'TukTuk Household Chemicals Production Solution Manufacturing Factory' in the Hebbal Industrial Area of Mysuru on Saturday.

According to sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the forensic experts have ruled out the unit being a phenyl manufacturing facility. Sources said the setup inside the unit was unsuitable for producing either chemical cleaners or phenyl.

The NFSU team reportedly found traces of mephedrone (MD) in the now-defunct unit. The factory has since been sealed.

The visit by NFSU scientists followed recent Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raids on the factory and the arrest of Ganpath Lal, a resident of Alanahalli, who was operating the unit. He has been arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

On Jan. 28, NCB sleuths arrested interstate drug peddler Mahindra Kumar Vishnoi in Surat and intercepted his Karnataka-registered car at Palsana in Surat district of Gujarat. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of about 35 kg of MD.

The banned amphetamine, also known as 'meow meow' or 'M-CAT', is a stimulant drug used recreationally for its effects, which are similar to those of MDMA and cocaine.

Ganpath Lal is said to be a close relative of Mahindra Kumar Vishnoi. While tracing the drug manufacturing network, NCB officials later uncovered a fully equipped laboratory with sophisticated instruments at the Hebbal unit.

Traffic signal poles invade iconic Elephant Statue Circle

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&KS) - The Mysuru City Police have been installing new traffic signals at various junctions across the city to reduce accidents and curb traffic violations.

However, at several circles, these new installations are causing traffic snarls due to the accumulation of vehicles waiting at signals or marring the beauty of the circles.

One such installation is in Bannimantap at Highway Circle (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle), which features an iconic elephant sculpture fountain. Traffic Police have installed three blue traffic signal poles inside the Circle, spoiling the beauty of the Circle, a move that has drawn criticism from public.

Marring aesthetic appeal

Residents and commuters said the placement of signal poles inside the Circle not only mars its aesthetic appeal but also obstructs the view of the elephant statue. They pointed out that traffic signals are usually installed overhead or at the ends of roads leading to junctions and not inside the circle island itself.

The elephant sculpture fountain was constructed in 2016 at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh by the Brigade Group, which also maintained the Circle for a year.

During this period, the Circle was well maintained and retained its grandeur. In 2017, the upkeep was handed over to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), after which residents say the condition of the Circle gradually deteriorated.

Public say, unscientific

Members of the public said they were unaware of any other junction in the city where traffic signals have been installed in such an unscientific manner. They questioned the rationale behind placing signal poles inside the Circle instead of at appropriate locations on the approaching roads.

When contacted, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) M. Shivashankar told *Star of Mysore* that if the traffic poles indeed obstructs or mars the beauty of the elephant statue they will be removed.

Residents have demanded that the traffic signal poles installed inside the Circle be removed and relocated appropriately to ensure smooth traffic flow and preserve the aesthetic value of the landmark.

Traffic signal lights installed inside Five-Light Circle at JLB Road-Manandavadi Road Junction near Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital. Though overhead signal lights are installed at the Road corners, traffic poles inside the Circle mars its beauty.

Faulty valve floods hotel

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Repeated flooding

Employees engaged in clearing the water said this was not the first such incident. The hotel has been flooded on several occasions in the past and despite repeated representations to VVWW authorities to rectify the problem and prevent water from entering the premises, no permanent solution has been implemented so far.

Meanwhile, members of the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and the Yadavagiri Residents Association (YRA) rushed to the spot, inspected the hotel premises and alerted officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and VVWW.

Following this, MCC Superintending Engineer Manju, VVWW Executive Engineer Ashwin Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer Mustafa, Junior Engineer Natesh and other staff visited the site and inspected the hotel and the valve chamber.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Superintending Engineer Manju said there was a problem with the water valve of the Ground-Level Reservoir and that an estimate was being prepared to repair the valve chamber.

He added that the valve has now been closed and water flow into the hotel has stopped. He also said that VVWW would get the damaged compound wall repaired today and ensure that such incidents do not recur in future.

Will MCC or VVWW compensate for loss?

President and CEO of Hotel Komfort Suites, Hemanth Kumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said that the hotel's sanitary lines, water pipes and underground power cables were damaged. He added that the false ceiling, compound wall and fencing collapsed due to the water-logging.

He further said that the ground floor of the hotel has been filled with sewage-mixed water and that staff are currently pumping it out. Rooms on the left side of the hotel cannot be rented for at least a week due to silt deposition and foul odour.

"I have suffered losses running into several lakhs of rupees. Will the MCC or VVWW compensate for the loss? Because of my hotel building, water was prevented from gushing into houses in low-lying areas. I will be writing to the MCC Commissioner in this regard," he said.

Obituary

Gajalakshmi

Mysuru, Feb. 3 - Gajalakshmi (78), wife of late Sundar Raj and a resident of Sathagalli, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind two sons, four daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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28th Conference of Speakers & Presiding Officers of Commonwealth

City flautist part of cultural performance at Parliament

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- Vidu. Smitha Srikiran, a resident of Saraswathipuram in Mysuru and an A-Grade flautist with All India Radio (Akashvani), gave a captivating performance at the Parliament of India recently.

The performance was part of the cultural programme organised during the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) 2026, held at Parliament House in New Delhi.

Smitha has been an empanelled artiste of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India, since 2007.

The Parliament presentation featured the instrumental ensemble 'The Gandharva Aatodyam,' which took the audience on a musical journey through India's rich cultural heritage. It also included Bharat Darshan, a 24-member instrumental ensemble deeply rooted in traditional Indian classical and folk music.

Vidu. Smitha Srikiran

The performance was led by Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Chetan Kumar Joshi and incorporated vibrant folk-dance traditions under Nritya Melakam, highlighting India's diverse artistic legacy while reflecting shared democratic values across the Commonwealth.

The programme was conceptualised and choreographed by Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chairman, Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi and Raju Das, Secretary.

The artistes performed before an audience of dignitaries led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and other distinguished guests.

Mysuru's art patron to be honoured by Music Sabhas in Chennai

Mysuru, Feb. 3- The well-known senior art patron and organiser, C.R. Himamshu, Secretary of Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mahotsava Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, who is the man behind the Heritage Music Festival of Mysuru, popularly known as Vontikoppal 8th Cross Ganapathi, is selected for the title 'Madhuraa Kala Sevaka' by Chennai's prestigious organisations 'Ekatvam' & 'Laya Madhuraa' School of Music.

Himamshu

He will be honoured and conferred with the title by HH Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Jagadguru on Feb. 6 at a function to be held at Narada Gana Sabha in Chennai, where the 60th year of active performance of *Padma Shri, Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. Thiruvaarur Bhaktavatsalam will be celebrated.

The other eminent personalities, who will be honoured along with him are, *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* T.K. Murthy, *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. T.V. Gopalakrishnan, *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. Umayalapuram K. Shivaraman, *Karnataka Kalashree* K.V. Anand & *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Dr. Trichy Sankaran with 'Madhuraa Laya Samrat' title and art patron Sri Sekar Viswanathan (San Diego) with 'Madhuraa Kala Sevaka' title.

Founders' Day at Elder Citizens Council

Senior achievers honoured, scholarships awarded

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (BCT)- The Elder Citizens Council and Trust, Mysuru, felicitated five senior citizens for their contributions to society and also awarded scholarships to five meritorious and economically disadvantaged students. The event was a part of the Founders' Day celebrations held recently at its Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan in Jayalakshmipuram.

Inaugurating the programme, Cauvery Group of Institutions Founder and Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar lauded the Council's initiatives, particularly the conduct of monthly health talks exclusively for senior citizens and the extension of scholarships to deserving students from economically weaker sections.

The senior citizens felicitated for their lifetime achievements were Dr. N.S. Rame Gowda (former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore), Dr. B.V. Shivamurthy (Veterinary), C.L. Srikantaiah (Engineer), Huche Gowda (Social Worker) and Manjula D. Rajasekhar (Educationist).

Scholarships were awarded to five students who had performed well in recent public examinations despite economic constraints.

Responding on behalf of the honourees, Dr. Rame Gowda said that senior citizens are valuable assets to society whose experience serves as guidance for the younger generation.

He also urged senior citizens to remain socially active and engage with social media to contribute to moral values in society.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who was the chief guest, called upon senior citizens to remain active and safeguard their well-being through proper healthcare in the changing social environment. He encouraged them to stay engaged with society, lead independent and comfortable lives, and avoid loneliness by remaining happy and healthy.

Trust Chairman Gowdappa presided over the function. Secretary Dr. N.K. Ramachandre Gowda, Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj, Vice-President K.V. Ramanath, Secretary K.S. Krishna, Prof. Javare Gowda, V.N. Achar, Susheela Mari Gowda, Venkateshaiah, M.K. Nanjaiah, D. Srinivas, Sannalinge Gowda and others were present.

'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' Award conferred on Dr. Mysore Manjunath

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SPN&BS)- Renowned violinist Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath was conferred with 'Dhanur Vainika Brahma' Award in commemoration of Violin Maestro Pitilu Mysore T. Chowdiah at a programme organised by Pitilu Mysore T. Chowdiah Samsmarana Vedike and Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, at the Sabha premises on JLB Road in city recently.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji presented the award to Dr. Manjunath.

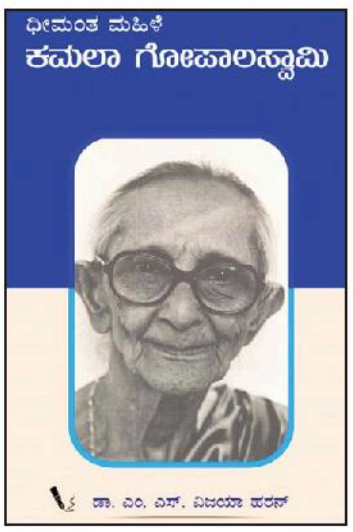
Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji said, "the world respects those who develop certain traits like simplicity, humbleness and brotherhood. Despite my busy schedule, I came down to Mysuru to attend the event, as I am in awe of Manjunath, who is known for his simplicity."

On the occasion, Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji recalled the advise of previous pontiff of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Dr. Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, to practice music during morning prayers at the residential school for the blind and differently-abled on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road.

The award ceremony was followed by violin duet by Dr. Manjunath and his son Sumanth Manjunath. The father-son duo was accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary K.S.N. Prasad, Executive Committee Member T.R. Harish, Vice-President S.K. Lakshminarayan, Treasurer C.K. Sanjay Kumar, R. Anantharamu, Dr. M.A. Shekar, Keshav Saralaya, Nagaraj Srinivasan, Ravindra Gundurao, Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and others were present during the award ceremony.

A book on Kamala Gopalaswamy's contributions to Akashvani & Shishuvihara



Cover page of the book** 'Dhimanta Mahile Kamala Gopalaswamy' **authored by Dr. Vijaya Haran.

M.G. Rajanikanth** (third from left), **youngest son of Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy and Kamala Gopalaswamy, who retired as Manager, Media India Ltd., Bengaluru, releasing the book** 'Dheemanta Mahile Kamala Gopalaswamy' **at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara premises in Lakshmipuram on Jan 26. Others seen are C.V. Gopinath of Anathalaya Trust and retired Additional Secretary to Government of India; Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, President, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions; N.R. Manjunath, Correspondent, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions; Dr. M.S.Vijay Haran, author and N. Keshavamurthy, Programme Executive, AIR Mysuru.

An event was held at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions in city on Jan. 26, 2026 to release the book *'Dhimanta Mahile Kamala Gopalaswamy.'*

The book, written by Dr. M.S. Vijaya Haran, Retd. Deputy Director General, All India Radio (AIR), is a succinct and charming account of the life and times of late Kamala Gopalaswamy, wife of late Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy, who founded both Mysore Akashvani and Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara.

Dr. Pranatarthi Haran has lent able research assistance to Dr. Vijaya Haran's efforts.

The book was released by M.G. Rajanikanth, the youngest son of Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy and Kamala Gopalaswamy, with Satyabhama, their elder daughter-in-law receiving the first copy.

Dr. Vijaya Haran says, *"I particularly wanted to write this book as Kamala Gopalaswamy has been an unseen, but important hand behind two very important milestones in the history of Mysuru. We are proud of both institutions that inform, educate and empower the common man."*

N.R. Manjunath, Correspondent, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara, Samskruthi Subramanya, the Publisher of the book, the extended family of late Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy and Kamala Gopalaswamy and other dignitaries and well-wishers were among those present.

Special mention goes to members of Sirigannada Odugara Okkuta Kannada Book Club and members of a Federation of Akashvani listeners. They made the function evocative and interesting through narrations of personal anecdotes and stories of the two prominent institutions — Akashvani and Shishuvihara — which have earned the love and respect of Mysureans.

Major highlights of the programme were an invocation rendered by the children of Shishuvihara and a solo devotional hymn sung beautifully by 9-year-old Janan Kaushik, the great-great-grandson of Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy and Kamala Gopalaswamy.

Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, President, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions, presided. N. Keshavamurthy, Programme Executive, AIR Mysuru, enlivened the occasion by ensuring that members of the audience participated in the event with their own experiences.

The venue holds special significance as Shishuvihara is set to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The school was established especially to impart early childhood education to pre-schoolers by Dr. Gopalaswamy and was managed by his wife Kamala Gopalaswamy and mother Rajammal.

Manjunath revealed, *"This is a special year for us. We plan to hold a series of such events and finally a grand celebration on the occasion of the centenary in September."*

The book tells the story of Kamala Gopalaswamy, who fulfilled the roles of wife, mother, daughter-in-law and so many other roles women are called upon to play on a daily basis. It tells how she performed each role and also played a powerful, yet unseen role of supporting her husband through all his efforts, sometimes at financial and emotional costs to their young family. It is written candidly and features conversations Dr. Vijaya Haran has had with family members and friends of Kamala Gopalaswamy.

Priced at a modest Rs. 95, *'Dhimanta Mahile Kamala Gopalaswamy'* is available at Samskruthi Book Agencies. It is the first in a planned series of 100 such books proposed by the Publisher. For details contact Bharathi Ghanashyam (grand-daughter of Kamala Gopalaswamy) on Mob: 99867-93314.

PIC. 1: ***Janan Kaushik, great-great-grandson of Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy and Kamala Gopalaswamy, singing a devotional song.*** *PIC. 2:* ***The children of Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Institutions rendering the invocation.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Members of Sirigannada Odugara Okkuta with author Dr. Vijaya Haran.***

'Allocate funds for Kalamandira renovation'

Mysuru, Feb.3 (VNS)- Former Corporator and Anikethana Seva Trust President K.V. Mallesh has urged the State Government to reserve funds for renovation of Kalamandira in city.

In a press release, he said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has contributed for the development of Mysuru by announcing crores of funds in every budget.

"Similarly, emphasis must be given for development of Kalamandira constructed during the tenure of R. Gundu Rao as the Chief Minister," he said.

Mallesh stated that the chairs, lights, sound system and balcony in Kalamandira needed immediate attention and added that the walls of the building had been damaged due to seepage.

He urged the CM to announce funds for the installation of legendary violinist Pitilu Chowdiah's statue at Kalamandira junction and also initiate measures to unveil the statue of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji near JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

Stating that Mysuru City Corporation had already named the Circle after the Swamiji, Mallesh has requested both CM Siddaramaiah and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa to unveil the Seer's statue at the earliest.

WORD OF THE DAY

Prescience

Pronunciation: PRESH-ee-unss (noun).
Meaning: Prescience is a formal word used to refer to the ability to see or anticipate what will or might happen in the future.
Origin: If you know the origin of science you already know half the story of prescience. Science comes from the Latin verb sciō, scīre, "to know," also source of such words as conscience, conscious, and omniscience. Prescience has as its ancestor a word that attached prae-, a predecessor of pre-, to this root to make praescire, meaning "to know beforehand."
Example: "... novelists have always faced technological and social upheaval. They have mostly addressed it in one of two ways. The first is to imagine an altered future with the prescience of science fiction; Mary Shelley's warning that humans are not always in control of their creations is, if anything, even more resonant today than when Frankenstein was first published in 1818." — Jessi Jezewska Stevens, The Dial, 2 Dec. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Zabernism

Misuse of military authority; bullying.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bail out

Meaning: The phrase 'Bail out' means to help, to save.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Bail out' is old and quite venerable. Dating back to the 1580s, the term was used to describe the act of procuring a person's release from prison by posting bail. Ever since then, people have used the term 'bail out' to describe the literal or figurative act of coming to someone's rescue — either physically, financially or in some other way.
Example: "My parents had to bail me out last month when I didn't have enough money to pay my rent."

QUOTE BOX

Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye.—**Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Cyclone.

SUDOKU

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		6					3	
	9	4	2					
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7				6	1	9		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	3	9	4	8	2	5	7
8	7	5	1	2	6	4	3	9
9	2	4	3	5	7	1	8	6
6	1	9	8	3	2	5	7	4
7	5	2	4	1	9	8	6	3
4	3	8	6	7	5	9	1	2
5	8	6	7	9	4	3	2	1
2	9	1	5	6	3	7	4	8
3	4	7	2	8	1	6	9	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Closest Point of Approach
4 Animal doctors, in short
8 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
11 Bear - ___ : a tight embrace?
12 Notions
14 Inlet for "air" change!
15 Large vase
16 Inert gas
17 Believer: suffix
18 Ingrained dirt
20 Historic period
22 Marking fluid
24 Body of water
25 Highest point
28 Appropriate
30 Strong cord
34 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
35 Regional Airline Assoc.
36 Eggs in line, you might say
37 Fluent in speech
39 2001, to Augustus
40 Onion-like herb
41 Greek vowel
43 A soft or fuzzy surface texture
45 Jargon
48 Ex-India batsman Mankad
52 Comparative words (2,1)
53 Rock group Pink ___
57 India's real-time payment system
58 Rotational speed, in short
59 Roman market-place
60 Light-Emitting Diode
61 "Yea" anagram meaning yes?
62 Ancient Indian language
63 Responses abbreviation

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	M	A	■	V	A	P	I	■	C	O	R	K
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A	U	R	I	C	■	■	Q	O	M	■	■	■
■	■	■	B	E	L	A	■	C	P	A	S	■
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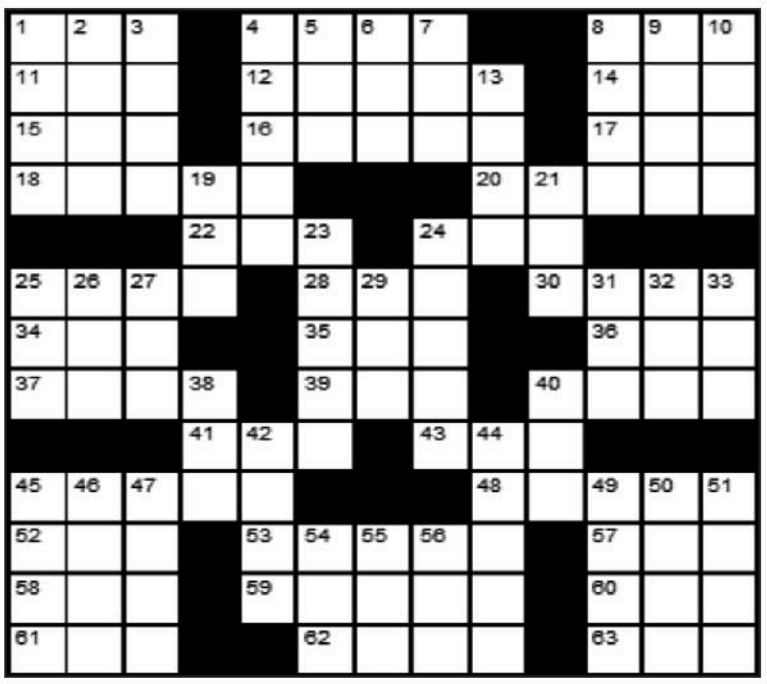
U	V	E	A	■	G	A	L	E	■	E	L	F
T	A	L	K	■	S	L	E	D	■	K	E	F

DOWN

1 Drink quickly (informal)
2 Feline sound
3 The Indian god of fire
4 Female fox?
5 Dutch commune
6 Decimal multiple?
7 S. American city __ Paolo
8 Group of three
9 D in CD or DVD
10 Route
13 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
19 Blend
21 Average or normal
23 Destiny, fate
24 Blot
25 Director __ Lee
26 A very close and intimate friend
27 Biblical high priest
29 Court star Shriver
31 Metal bearing earth
32 The American novelist, 'Edgar Allan.....'
33 Comics cry
38 Implore
40 Vinyl
42 Upper-class gent
44 One of the As of AAP
45 Tomb Raider's ___ Croft
46 Children's 'spotting' game (1,3)
47 Renown or honour
49 Swaying dance
50 Unsecretive
51 Children
54 Cut off or sever
55 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
56 ___ Brynner : hairless hero from Hollywood?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VY YINPM WGPDPKTGEM PIEM WGY

QEYXAKDY WGXW VY TSRY.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: People will listen a great deal more patiently when you explain your mistakes than when you explain your success.

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Cult 2026 (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm; (S-2) 9.55 pm
Valavaara (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Mavuta (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Gandhi Talks (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Seat Edge (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru Part 2 (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chowkidar (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Valathu Vashathe Kallan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	12.30 pm, 3.35 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 10.30 pm

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Raktha Kashmira (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Border 2 (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm
Cult (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Landlord (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.05 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm 7.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Border 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.50 pm 6.05 pm 10.30 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	9.10 am, 6.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.05 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	10.45 am, 3.35 pm, 10 pm
Shelter (E)	:	11.25 am, 7.45 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	12.30 pm, 10.25 pm
Mayasabha - The Hall of Illusion (H)	:	1.15 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	1.50 pm
Valavaara (K)	:	2.10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
Gandhi Talks (Silent)	:	5 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Marty Supreme (E)	:	10.10 pm
Chatha Pacha: The ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Border 2 (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm 3.50 pm 10.30 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.45 am, 3.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Send Help (E-2D)	:	9.50 am
Send Help (E-3D)	:	7.30 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.05 pm, 4.45, 7.45 pm 10 pm
Landlord (K)	:	12.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 3)

- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, Theatre Songs by Namma Raga troupe; Staging of play 'Harakeya Kuri' by Sanchalana Mysuru theatre troupe, directed by Deepak Mysore, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 39th year's Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series, vocal concert by Shraddha Kote, accompanied by Amogh Nadadur on violin, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and Harishchandra on kanjira, Krishnamurthypuram Rama Mandira, **6 pm.**
- **Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre (SNPAC), Mysuru:** 'Manjira Mahotsava-2026,' Annual Cultural Festival, Bharatanatyam by Vid. Sujay Shanbhag, Hubballi and his disciples, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Kavya Kasinathan, disciple of Natyacharya Mithun Shyam, Bengaluru, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 4)

- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Mysuru:** Sanchalana Decennial Celebrations, folk songs by Samagama Samskrutika Vedike; Bharatanatyam by Raksha M. Hiremath; Staging of play 'Lights off!' by Aneka, Bengaluru, directed by Suresh Anagalli, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 39th year's Purandara and Tyagaraja Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music Concert Series, vocal concert by Abhiram Bode, accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre (SNPAC), Mysuru:** 'Manjira Mahotsava-2026,' Annual Cultural Festival, Bharatanatyam by Svarita Ensemble (Nikhitha Manjunath, VKS Madhumitha and Viyaneeta Ramesh), disciples of Dr. Sathyanarayana Raju, Bengaluru, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. K.N. Navyashree, disciple of P. Praveen Kumar, Bengaluru, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Death of a Salesman' in Kannada by students studying Diploma in Theatre (2025-26), originally written in English by Arthur Miller, translated to Kannada by K.S. Poornima and K.P. Vasudevan, costumes and make-up by Disha Ramesh, stage design by Megha Sameer, music and direction by Amith Reddy, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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Feb. 4: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Karnatak Vocal by **Vidu. Akshatha Rudrapatna**, accompanied by **Vid. M.P. Krithik Koushik** on violin, **Vid. Sunaadha Krishna Amai** on mridanga and **Vid. B.S. Raghunandan** on ghata, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Border 2 (H)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Cult (2026) (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.30 pm, 6.40 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Send Help (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.05 pm
Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	12.55 pm
Landlord (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru: Part 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Raktha Kashmira (K)	:	10.10 am, 4.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	10.15 am, 6.55 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.40 pm, 5.05 pm 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Mavuta (K)	:	10.50 am
Border 2 (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Send Help (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.50 pm
Seat Edge (K)	:	1.45 pm
Valathu Vasathe Kallan (Ma)	:	4 pm
Chowkidar (K)	:	4.25 pm
Vikalpa (K)	:	8 pm
Chatha Pacha: The Ring of Rowdies (Ma)	:	10 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Workshop on State Education Policy

Mysuru, Feb. 3- The Department of Economics, Basudev Somani College, Mysuru and Mysore University Economics Teachers' Association (MUETA) have jointly organised a one-day State-level Workshop on State Education Policy 2024-25 at the College premises in Kuvempunagar on Feb. 4.

10 am: Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), will inaugurate. Dr. Navitha Thimmaiah, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Studies (DoS) in Economics and Co-operation, UoM, will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. D.S. Pratima, Joint Director, Regional Office, Department of Collegiate Education, Mysuru, Dr. M. Puttaswamy, Chairman and Managing Trustee, The Institute of Education Trust, Mysuru and Dr. M. Mahesha, Professor of Economics, DoS in Economics and Co-operation, UoM, will be the chief guests. Dr. M. Mahadevaswamy, Principal, Basudev Somani College, will preside. Dr. T. Ramesh, President, MUETA, will be present.

11.30 am to 1.30 pm: Technical Sessions on 'Redesigning UG Economics Syllabus.' Dr. Navitha Thimmaiah, Professor and Chairperson, DoS in Economics and Co-operation, UoM and Dr. M. Mahesha, Professor of Economics, DoS in Economics & Co-operation, UoM, will be the Resource Persons.

2.15 pm: Valedictory Address by Prof. G.S. Premakumara, Professor of Economics, UoM. Kuber P. Gowda, Secretary and Managing Trustee, The Institute of Education Trust, will be the chief guest. Dr. T. Ramesh, President, MUETA, will preside. Dr. R. Nagabhushan, retired Professor of Economics & Special Officer, Manasa Educational Trust, Kollegal, Puttasetty, retd. Principal, Government Women's College, Hunsur and Dr. C.R. Kiran Kumar, General Secretary, MUETA, will be present, according to a press release.

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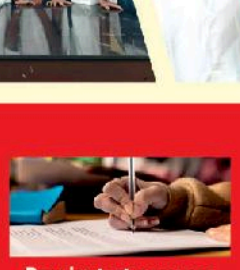
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